

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 43

Introduced by Assembly Members Montanez and Wolk

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to the Girl Scouts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 43, as introduced, Montanez. Girl Scouts.

This measure would commend the Girl Scouts for 91 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and patriotism.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 12, 2003, marks the 91st
- 2 anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and
- 3 WHEREAS, In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl
- 4 Scouts with just 18 girls and a dream in which she envisioned
- 5 “something for all the girls,” to enable them to better serve their
- 6 communities, experience the outdoors, and contribute to national
- 7 and international social development; and
- 8 WHEREAS, 91 years later, her efforts are responsible for
- 9 creating the largest girl-serving organization in the world with

1 membership surpassing 2.8 million nationally, of which 250,000
2 are girls in California; and

3 WHEREAS, Nationwide 233,000 troops provide opportunities
4 for girls between 5 and 17 years of age to discover the fun,
5 friendship, and power of girls together, as Daisy Girl Scouts,
6 Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, and
7 Senior Scouts; and

8 WHEREAS, During the 1960's, the Girl Scouts began
9 programs and projects focused on overcoming prejudice and
10 building relationships with those of all ages, religions, classes, and
11 races; and

12 WHEREAS, That same social consciousness continues today as
13 the Girl Scouts promote the ideals of acceptance, understanding,
14 cultural awareness, and tolerance; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to their focus on the world around
16 them, the Girl Scouts strive to develop each girl's potential through
17 skill building, technological awareness, self-esteem and image
18 promotion, and countless other opportunities which motivate and
19 empower girls to grow; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of this focus, Girl Scouts will lead
21 businesses and communities and take active roles in mathematics,
22 science, technology and the arts and are striving to fulfill our
23 country's economic needs; and

24 WHEREAS, One in four American women has been a Girl
25 Scout and the organization is committed to outreach efforts
26 reflective of their theme "Girl Scouting: For Every Girl,
27 Everywhere"; and

28 WHEREAS, Some 50 million women have enjoyed the benefits
29 of the Girl Scout program, as an American tradition, for 91 years;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, Of the 36 women currently serving in the
32 California Legislature, at least four were members of, or leaders
33 in, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, including
34 Assembly Members Chu and Pavley, and Senators Bowen and
35 Romero; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
37 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature acknowledges with pride
38 the significant role the Girl Scouts has played in mentoring young
39 women throughout California and the nation, as an organization
40 "where girls grow strong;" and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the Legislature commends the Girl Scouts of the
2 United States of America for 91 years of service and for inspiring
3 millions of girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, and
4 patriotism; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of
6 California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate
7 to this occasion; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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